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BRITON FREED IN SPY SWAP BACK AT HOME

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LONDON, April 22—Greville Wynne, 45, British business man freed in an Anglo-Russian spy exchange, celebrated tonight with champagne and a slice of cake.

"How wonderful to be home again," he said.

In the dim light of dawn at the Berlin checkpoint Heerstrasse, Wynne was exchanged for the Russian master spy, Gordon Lonsdale, who was serving a 25-year prison term in Britain.

Sentenced to 8 Years

Wynne's release follows the precedent set by America and Russia in 1962 when U-2 Pilot Francis Gary Powers, downed over Russian territory, was exchanged for Col. Rudolf Abel, Russian spy convicted by the United States.

Wynne, who was sentenced to eight years in prison, flew home from Berlin in a British air force plane which landed at Northolt airport, 10 miles west of central London.

After 17 months in communist prisons, Wynne looked pallid and weary. His face was lined and thin.

Never Told of Deal

He said the Russians kept secret the fact that he was to be exchanged for Lonsdale.

"I was never told that I was coming home," he said. "I was taken from prison and they said that there was some possibility of it. Then I found myself in an airplane and I was arriving in East Berlin. I did not know any-

thing officially until this morning at 4 a. m."

How was he treated by the Russians while in jail?

"They treated me according to how they felt at the moment," he said.

Wife Embraces Him

From the airport Wynne drove in a foreign office car with a police escort to his \$60,000 Georgian home in London's Chelsea district. His wife, Sheila, 42, ran to embrace him. "Hello, darling," she said through tears. Police held back a crowd of about 100 reporters and on-lookers.

The foreign office announced that the soviet government proposed the spy deal on April 7.

Officially, the British government approved the swap for humanitarian reasons after learning that Wynne's physical condition had seriously deteriorated.

Seized in Budapest

Unofficially, it appeared the British wanted Wynne back and that Lonsdale was of no further value to western intelligence.

agencies. He had been tight-lipped thruout his trial and imprisonment.

Wynne, manager of Mobile Exhibitions, Ltd., a British firm formed to foster trade with communist countries, was arrested in Budapest on Nov. 2, 1962, on suspicion of spying.

The Hungarians handed him over to Russia and at his trial in Moscow 11 months ago he pleaded guilty to the spy charges "with certain reservations."

Oleg Penkovsky, a Russian scientist, charged with espionage together with Wynne, was executed by a firing squad last May.

Undetected for Five Years

Gordon Lonsdale, 40, whose real name is Konon Molody, was sentenced in 1961 to 25 years in prison.

Lonsdale had been caught in the roundup of a spy ring which for five years had stolen British naval secrets from the Portland naval underwater weapons establishment.

Sentenced with him were two Americans, Peter Kroger and his wife, Helen, also known as Morris and Lona Cohen, who got 20 years each, and two Britons, Harry Houghton, an admiralty clerk, and his fiancée, Ethel Gee, who are each serving 15-year sentences.

A home office spokesman refused today to comment on whether the freeing of Lonsdale, head of the spy ring, would lead to any review of the sentences of the two Americans and the two Britons.